up/planned at major airports in a phased manner depending upon availability of land and other facilities.

Upgradation of airports in Karnataka

2206. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sent proposals for establishment of new airports or for upgradation of the existing airports at Mysore, Gulbarga, Hassan, Hampi, Belgaum, etc., in view of the increasing demand for air connectivity to these locations;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the current status of the proposals and the likely date by which these proposals would be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) State Government of Karnataka has sent a proposal to Airports Authority of India (AAI) to develop the existing airstrips at Mysore and Belgaum and construct new airports at Gulbarga, Hasan and Hampi. State Government has *inter-alia* agreed to provide required land for upgradation and creation of infrastructures facilities to AAI free of cost and free from all encumbrances. AAI and State Government of Karnataka are in the process of signing an MOU in the case of Mysore airstrip for which State Government has already identified required land and the same will be transferred to AAI for construction of new runway, terminal complex and associated facilities for operationalization of airstrip. The construction period of Mysore airport will be 24 months after award of work. Construction of Greenfield airports at Hassan and Gulbarga will depend on the feasibility report/traffic study. In case of Humpi, the site has not been finalised. Talks on above proposals are on with the Government of Karnataka.

Upgradation of Srinagar airport as an international airport

2207. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to revamp the airports in the country; and

(b) whether the airport at Srinagar would also be brought under the programme making it fit to be declared as an international airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. Keeping in view the traffic boom in Civil Aviation, revamping of airports is planned. Government has decided to upgrade the metro airports of Delhi/Mumbai through Joint Venture route. In principle decision has also been taken to upgrade the Chennai Airport under similar mode. Work on two Greenfield Airports at Devanahalli near Bangalore and at Shamshabad near Hyderabad is in progress. Government has also given in principle approval for construction of a new greenfield airport at Mopa in Goa. There are plans for construction of greenfield airports at Navi Mumbai, Chakan near Pune, Ludhiaan in Punjab, Kannur in Kerala, Pakyong in Sikkim, Kohima in Nagaland which are in preliminary stages. There are also plans to upgrade and modernise 25 tentatively selected non-metro airports in the country.

(b) Srinagar airport has already been declared as an International Airport on 11th March, 2005.

Advisors for public offerings of AI and IA

2208. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed Advisors for the proposed Initial Public Offerings of IA and AI;

(b) the terms of reference given to the advisors;

(c) whether Government are planning to go ahead in one of the routes like Employees stock option plan for divesting the stake;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have any plan to follow any other route other than (c) above; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Both the Airlines have been advised